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REQUEST TO WITHDRAW FINAL OFFICE ACTION

In response to the final office action mailed July 13, 2004, Applicants respectfully request that the finality of the Office Action be withdrawn. 37 C.F.R. 1.113(b) states, "[i]n making such final rejection, the examiner shall repeat or state all grounds of rejection then considered applicable to the claims in the application, clearly stating reasons in support thereof." The final Office Action failed to state a ground of rejection for outstanding claims 56-60. The Interview Summary of September 23, 2004 agrees that the outstanding Office Action should not have been final. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the finality of the Office Action be withdrawn.

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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

In response to the office action mailed July 13, 2004, please amend the instant application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.